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SUBJECT: DOL SEMINAR

- 1. AGREEMENT FROM HIGHEST LEVELS OF STEFAN GHEORGHIU ACADEMY (READ RECTOR RAUTU) HAS BEEN OBTAINED TO STAGE DOL SEMINAR FOR FALL 1976. EMBOFF SUGGESTED, AND PRO-RECTOR BEIU ACCEPTED, THAT THEME BE PRODUCTIVITY IN AN AS YET UNDETERMINED INDUSTRIAL SECTOR.
- 2. WE BELIEVE A CANDIDATE SECTOR SHOULD MEET THREE CRITERIA:

A. ONE OF THOSE GIVEN PRIORITY IN ROMANIAN INDUSTRIAL GROWTH,
B. LABOR INTENSIVE OR DEPENDENT ON SKILLED LABOR, AND
C. INDUSTRY OF GREAT POTENTIAL FOR SALE OF AMERICAN MACHINERY.
PROCEEDING FROM THIS THEME, WE BELIEVE THAT ALTHOUGH SEMINAR'S
EMPHASIS SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON QUESTIONS OF ENHANCED
PRODUCTIVITY THROUGH IMPROVEMENTS IN LABOR IN-PUT, SEMINAR
WILL PRESENT AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR TRUMPETING OF ADVANTAGES OF
AMERICAN CAPITAL EQUIPMENT. MACHINE BUILDING INDUSTRY, CHEMICAL
INDUSTRY (INCLUDING PETROCHEMICALS), METALLURGICAL INDUSTRY,
AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SEEM TO FIT THOSE THREE CRITERIA
BEST, IN DESCENDINGORDER OF OUR PREFERENCE. THE WILLINGNESS
OF EACH OF THE MINISTRIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ABOVE SECTORS
TO SUPPORT THE SEMINAR SHOQXD PLAY A ROLE IN THE EVENTUAL
SELECTION.

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3. WE ENDORSE BEIU'S SUGGESTION THAT, IN RECRUITING FOR SEMINAR,

DOL ATTEMPT TO RECAST COMPOSITION OF GROUP SO AS TO DOWNPLAY ACADEMIC EMPHASIS IN FAVOR OF PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE. ESPECIALLY WITH THEME OF PRODUCTIVITY, WE PERCEIVE DANGER OF THEORETICAL ABSTRACTION WHICH COULD BLUNT EFFECTIVENESS OF DOL'S SEMINAR PROGRAM HERE. OF FOUR AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS, THEREFORE, WE WOULD HOPE THREE WITH EXPERIENCE ON FACTORY FLOOR COULD BE DRAWN D

FROM PRIVATE INDUSTRY. AN ACADEMIC TYPE COULD BE ADDED FOR BALANCE.

4. WE UNDERSTAND DOL IS RUNNING SEVERAL SEMINARS IN YUGOSLAVIA THIS YEAR. IF DOL REP ON NEXT YUGOLSAV SEMINAR COULD EXTEND HIS TRIP TO SPEND A DAY IN BUCHAREST TO DISCUSS THEME, TIMING, AND RECRUITMENT, WE WOULD ARRANGE JOINT MEETING WITH CEPECA (STEFAN GHEORGHIU) AND MINISTRY OF LABOR. PLEASE ADVISE.

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